



Robert Lee Carlson

July 17, 1928 - March 25, 2021

Robert Lee Carlson, 92, of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, passed away Thursday March 25, 2021 at War Memorial Hospital. He was born July 17, 1928 in Sault Ste. Marie, MI to Carl Oscar and Selma (Bjunes) Carlson. Robert graduated from Sault High with the class of 1946. After graduation Robert joined the United States Army and was a member of the WWII occupation force in Korea. After the military he worked at Northwest Leather Company and was a member of the contract negotiating team. With the closing of the "Tannery" Robert became a member of Local 635 Plumbers and Pipefitters and opened his own business, Carlson Plumbing and Heating, who's slogan was "Let Leaky Fix It". With his plumbing knowledge he then became an Itinerant Instructor for the State of Michigan teaching plumbing until that program ended. Robert continued his career with the state as a maintenance supervisor at a facility in Canton, MI until his retirement in 1993. He was a member of the Elk's, VFW, American Legion, and Local 111 Plumbers and Pipefitters. Robert married the love of his life Virginia Coullard on Aug 11, 1951. Together they raised five children. They enjoyed fishing, camping, agate picking, and wintering in Zephyrhills, Florida and Orange Beach, Alabama. Robert's favorite time was at hunting camp, "The Lone Acre", in deer season with his good friend John Owaski and shot his last buck at the age of 90. Robert is survived by his wife, Virginia (Coullard) Carlson; sons, Robert (JoDee) Carlson, Richard Carlson, and Stephen (Nancy) Carlson; daughters, Dianne (Dave) Carlson-Bos and Karen (Dave) Carlson-Baxter; sister, Verla

Jean Moore; four grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and his best buddy, his dog Paco. Robert is preceded in death by his parents, parents in law, daughter in law, four brothers in law, and three sisters in law. The family would like to thank the staff of McKinley Manor and War Memorial Hospital for their excellent care. A graveside service will take place in the spring for Robert at his final resting place Oaklawn Chapel Gardens. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations in Robert's name be made to, Upper Peninsula Honor Flight, 7508 J Road, Gladstone, MI, 49837.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Lee Carlson*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Robert Lee Carlson*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Robert Lee Carlson*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Visiting Bob and Virginia was one of the great pleasures in life! Even if we were just passing through on our way to take Uncle Norm to Canada where he spent the entire summer at Sand Lake, we would make sure to visit for a while. Bob's grandfather and mine were cousins, and boy, did they look a lot alike! We would mistake them for each other in photos. Bob's father liked to visit "down home Muskegon". We shared many stories of the old days on our visits. We (my sister Barb) and I wish we could have visited more in the last few years. Our love to the family!*

Peggy Smith - April 11, 2021 at 01:22 PM

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“ Our warmest condolences to the Carlson family. We are thankful for the hospitality Bob and Virginia showed us during the times we visited. We sure had a great time and shared many laughs. Bob had a warm heart and also an interest in family genealogy. We got to experience your summer house, your cooking and many other things. You sure had the ability to enjoy life. You will be missed! From your Finland relatives: Bo & Gunilla Smeds, Christian Smeds and family, & Isabella Smeds Olli and family.

P. Smith - April 11, 2021 at 01:11 PM

PS

I have submitted this for the Smeds family from Finland as they had difficulty in postin on this website.

P. Smith - April 11, 2021 at 01:12 PM

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“ *The best neighbors for over 40 years... :)*

DENISE L BEAUDRY - April 02, 2021 at 05:10 PM

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“ *Karen & Family, I am very sorry for your loss. ~Vicki Swan Steele*

Vicki Swan Steele - April 01, 2021 at 05:17 PM

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“ *Bob was a good man and we were always welcome in his home for holiday and family occasions. He was a hard worker and instilled his work ethic into all his children. He loved his wife and family and that's all we can all expect of anyone going through the tough conflicts (Korea) of the 21st century. Rest in peace Bob.*

Skip Coullard - March 30, 2021 at 07:07 PM

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“ *May his memory be eternal. Your Dad truly loved his family. Even though I don't know him in person but I have heard a lot about him from one of his son. He will be missed but his memories and achievement will always stuck with us.*

Rita Mcdonals - March 29, 2021 at 08:39 PM